

CSWC Operational Period Summary 1800 August 18 2015 to 0600 August 19 2015



SuperScooper making a drop on the Warm Fire, Los Angeles County

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SITUATION SUMMARY

National News – Significant Events

E.P.A. Announces New Rules to Cut Methane Emissions

(NY Times) The Obama administration on Tuesday proposed the first federal regulations requiring the nation's oil and gas industry to cut emissions of methane as part of an expanding and increasingly aggressive effort to combat climate change. In a conference call with reporters, Janet McCabe, the Environmental Protection Agency's acting assistant administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, said the rules were designed to ensure that oil and gas companies reduced waste and sold more gas that would otherwise be lost, while protecting the climate and the health of the public. Ms. McCabe estimated that the proposals — which would require drillers to stop leaks and capture lost gas even in wells intended to extract only oil — would cost the industry up to \$420 million to carry out by 2025, but that there would be savings, including reduced waste, of as much as \$550 million during that period, bringing a net benefit of as much as \$150 million. Units that capture gas from Anadarko Petroleum oil wells near Mead, Colo. A study of natural-gas gathering facilities and processing plants found higher levels of methane leaks than estimated by the Environmental Protection Agency. Methane Leaks in Natural-Gas Supply Chain Far Exceed Estimates, Study Says AUG. 18, 2015. The new rules, which were widely expected, are part of a broad push by the Obama administration to cut emissions of planet-warming gases from different sectors of the economy. This month, Mr. Obama unveiled the centerpiece of that plan, a final regulation meant to cut emissions of carbon dioxide by 32 percent from 2005 levels by 2030 and increase to 28 percent the proportion of the nation's electricity generated by renewable sources like solar and wind. Those rules, if they withstand legal challenges, would transform the nation's energy sector.

International News – Significant Events

Sketch of Thai bomb suspect released as police warn he was part of network

(Al Jazeera) Thai police issued an arrest warrant and released a sketch Wednesday of the chief suspect in the deadly bombing of a Bangkok shrine, saying they believed the culprit was acting as part of a wider network. Authorities are also looking for two other individuals, who were seen in CCTV footage at the scene and considered to be suspects. "He didn't do it alone for sure," national chief of police Somyot Poompanmoung told the press, referring to the man in a yellow T-shirt in a grainy video thought responsible for the blast on Monday in the Thai capital that killed 20 people — nearly half of them tourists. So far, no one has claimed responsibility for the blast. The new sketch was accompanied with a 1 million baht (\$28,000) reward for help leading to his arrest. But apart from the rough image of the man they are looking for, Thai authorities appear to have few leads in the case — they are yet to establish a motive, and are unsure who the man is or whether he is still in the country. Police spokesman Lt. Gen. Prawut Thavornsiri, however, said security footage appears to show two possible accomplices, who are also considered suspects. The developments come as the temple that was targeted in the attack reopened. On Wednesday, Buddhist monks led prayers at the Erawan shrine — a popular destination for Hindu and Buddhist worshippers, as well as tourists. The attack left at least 11 foreigners dead, with Chinese, Hong Kong, Singaporean, Indonesian and a family from Malaysia among the victims. The Thai government said the attack at the popular Erawan shrine in the heart of Bangkok was aimed at wrecking the economy, which depends heavily on tourism.



SITUATION SUMMARY

SOC Activation for California Wildfires

- The State Operations Center (SOC) is activated at Level 2 from 0600-2000 hours due to the wildfires burning throughout California.
- The Coastal REOC is activated at Level 1.
- The Inland REOC is activated at Level 1.

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

Weather of Concern

- An Air Quality Alert has been issued for areas in Del Norte, Mendocino, and Trinity Counties due to smoke levels in these areas have been classified as hazardous. Smoke in these areas is creating a health hazard. It is anticipated that the hazardous conditions will continue until midnight.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php

SOC Significant Activity – Rocky Fire, Yolo County

Mission Tasking: 2015-SOC-14779

- Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District may be increasing the water flow on Cache Creek and it could impact the temporary low water crossing Depart of Water Resources (DWR) installed and is maintaining in support of the response to the Rocky Fire. Cal OES Inland Region ESC Kyle Noderer has passed the updated information to Yolo County OES and is in a meeting with Yolo County representatives 8/19/2015.
- Yolo County Flood Control take orders from senior water rights holders up until 1100 hours on 8/31/15, then by 1130 hours they will make adjustments at the dam and start the release. It will take approximately 8 hours for the water to get to the crossing site once adjustments are made. Currently unknown how much water will be released, but estimates it will be between 100 and 200 cubic feet per second (CFS) beginning September 1 and will last about a week before dropping back down to minimum flows of 10 CFS.
- Yolo County Flood Control is aware of the crossing and said they would work with DWR as far as ramping up slowly and not exceeding 200 CFS (the capacity of the culverts). DWR believes the existing crossing can withstand up to 200 CFS for a short duration with some minor modifications. The primary concern is preventing the pipes from floating when fully submerged. DWR is evaluating using concrete weights (K-rail or block) or additional soil from the Caltrans soil site across Hwy 16 to provide extra weight to the pipes and also the elevation and potential for overtopping. DWR's goal remains the same, to provide vehicular access across Cache Creek at this location until November 1 or until CAL FIRE requests removal. The DWR Sutter Maintenance Yard is ready to assist and do what is needed to protect the crossing from the higher flows.



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WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

Very warm and dry conditions will continue across the interior through mid-week as high pressure remains dominant over northwest California. Stratus and patches of fog along the Mendocino coast will spread north today through Wednesday.

Medford Weather:

The very dry and hot conditions will continue today over as a thermal trough very slowly moves across northern California. High pressure building offshore will increase gradients and result in slightly more west wind today than yesterday. Red flag conditions due to the combination of wind and low humidity may be briefly met today, but it is not expected to be widespread enough to warrant a red flag warning.

Reno Weather:

Hot and dry conditions continue today with a few degrees of cooling to start the weekend. Nighttime lows will remain cool and seasonable. Afternoon zephyr breezes are expected this week and haze from the wildfires in California may continue over the next several days.

San Francisco Weather:

Aside from patchy morning drizzle during the next few days, dry weather conditions will persist through the upcoming weekend. Temperatures will slightly cool although will remain near seasonal averages.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:

Sacramento Weather:

Dry weather can be expected for the remainder of the week with temperatures near average for late summer.

Hanford Weather:

Dry weather can be expected over the central California interior for the next several days. Temperatures will remain above normal this weekend as a strong ridge of high pressure builds over the state.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

Onshore flow will keep temperatures below normal for much of this week. High pressure will return by early next week and will warm temperatures. Fair skies except for night through morning low clouds are predicted across the coasts and many of the valleys.

Extreme Southwestern California including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

A trough of low pressure will move inland across the Pacific Northwest through Friday. This will bring a cooling trend through Friday with strong gusty west winds in the mountains and deserts. High pressure will rebuild bringing warmer weather and a shallower marine layer. Some monsoon moisture may approach by the middle of next week.

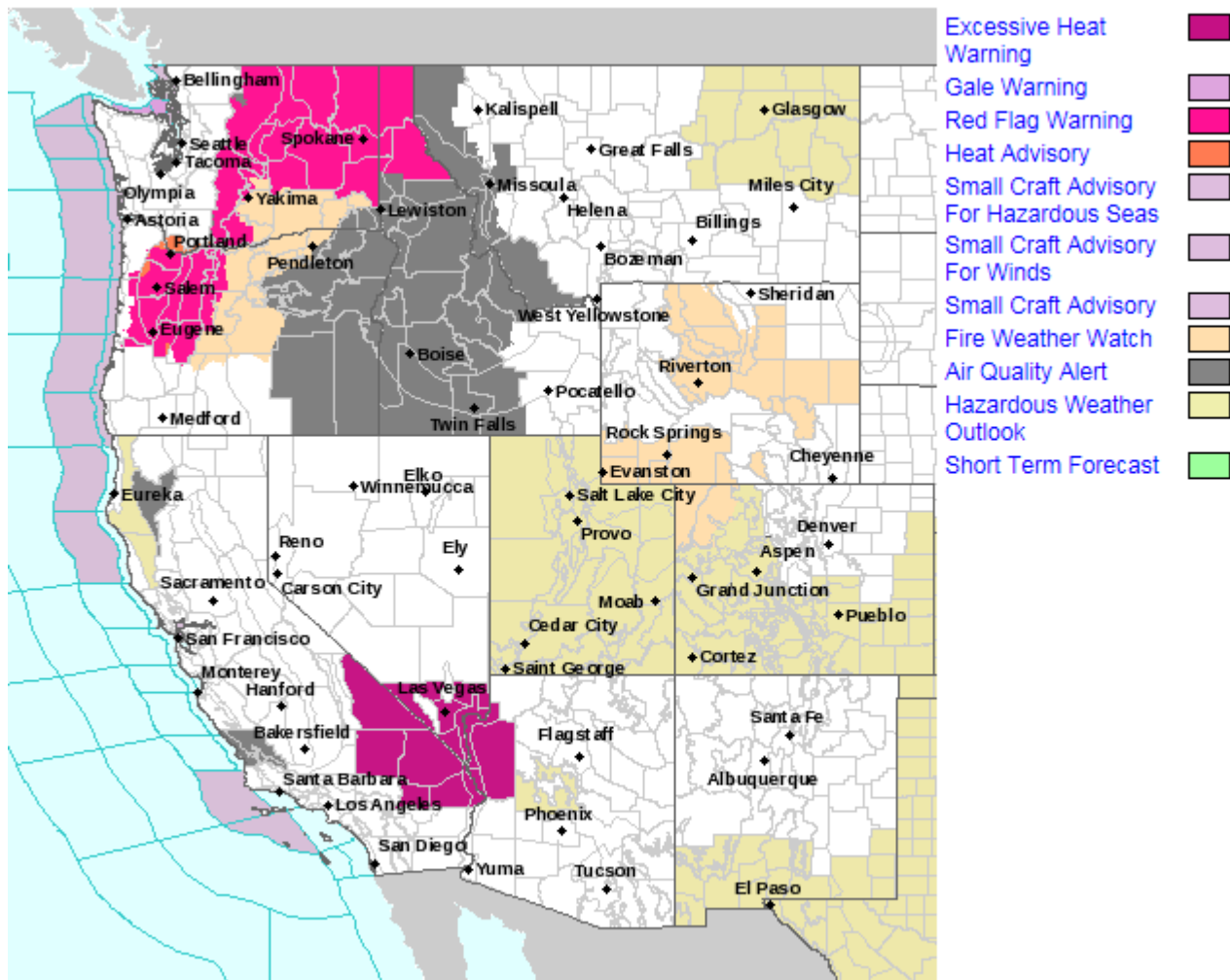
Southeast California Weather:

Hot and dry conditions will continue through today before a cooling trend returns temperatures closer to normal by the weekend. Otherwise, occasional high clouds and afternoon breezes are possible at times through the end of the week. Monsoonal flow could set up again early next week bringing a chance of thunderstorms to the area.



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STATE WEATHER MAP



Last map update: Aug, 19th 2015 at 6:35:08 am MDT



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SITUATION SUMMARY

FIRES, NORTHERN OPERATIONS AREA

Horse, Vegetation Fire, Humboldt County

Location: Saddle Mountain Road, 6 miles NE Shelter Cove

Jurisdiction: State DPA, FRA

Start Time: 0719

Per Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and ICS-209 [as of 8/19/15 at 0612 hours](#):

- 50 acres timber, 5% contained
- Heavy timber, difficult access, and steep terrain are hampering suppression efforts

Fork Complex, Vegetation Fire, Trinity County

Location: Hayfork

Jurisdiction: Federal DPA, SRA/FRA

Start Time: 7/30/15 at 2200 hours

Per Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and ICS-209 [as of 8/19/15 at 0533 hours](#):

- 35,165 Acres, 52% Contained
- Evacuations:
 - Mandatory Evacuation Areas: Kingsbury Road past the pavement; Mill Gulch Area – 13 Dips Road; Wildwood Road Area (Rd 302) – Wildwood Road from Hwy 36 to Gemmil Gulch, Shiell Ranch, Deer Lick Campgrounds Area, Tule Creek Road Area – Tule Creek Road from McAlexander Road to Butter Creek Road (3N08) including McAlexander Road, Hunter Road, Shangrila Lane, Green Gate Road and Landacre Road
 - Voluntary Evacuation Areas: Morgan Hill Road, Kingsbury Gulch Road, Pine Avenue, Center Street, Madrone Avenue, Barker Creek Road, Farmer Ranch Road, Trinity Pines
 - Advisory Evacuation Areas: Rowdey Bear Sub Division and residences along Barker Creek Road
- Shelters: Solid Rock Christian Fellowship, 66 Tule Creek Road, Hayfork, CA. Population – 1.
- A Large Animal Shelter is open at the Trinity County Fair Grounds supported by the Trinity County Ag Department. Residences can call Trinity County SO dispatch if they need assistance evacuating their large animals. Trinity County Fair Grounds: 6641 CA-3, Hayfork, CA 96041.
- A Small Animal Shelter has not been opened, neighbors and friends have been supporting evacuees providing assistance with small animals. Strays will be brought to the local animal control offices located at 503 Mtn. View Road, Weaverville.

SITUATION SUMMARY

FIRES, NORTHERN OPERATIONS AREA

Mad River Complex, Vegetation Fire, Trinity County

Location: Mad River Ranger District, Six Rivers National Forest

Jurisdiction: Federal DPA, FRA

Start Time: 7/30/15 at 2000 hours

Per Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and ICS-209 [as of 8/19/15 at 0558 hours](#):

- [26,462 Acres](#), 65% Contained
- Evacuations:
 - Mandatory Evacuation Areas: Forest Glen – including Forest Glen Drive, Summer Home Road, Hell Gate Campground and Scott's Flat Campground and eight residences in the 01S014 area
 - Voluntary Evacuation Areas: Swayback Ridge Area
- Shelters: Solid Rock Christian Fellowship, 66 Tule Creek Road, Hayfork, CA. Population – 1.
- A Large Animal Shelter is open at the Trinity County Fair Grounds supported by the Trinity County Ag Department. Residences can call Trinity County SO dispatch if they need assistance evacuating their large animals. Trinity County Fair Grounds: 6641 CA-3, Hayfork, CA 96041.
- A Small Animal Shelter has not been opened, neighbors and friends have been supporting evacuees providing assistance with small animals. Strays will be brought to the local animal control offices located at 503 Mtn. View Road, Weaverville.
- Major Concerns: Structures in the Forest Glen and Lassic areas. Transmission lines, gas lines, and the road systems are threatened. Species threatened include Lassic Lupine, northern spotted owl, trout and salmon streams, and various other wildlife habitats. Public/private campgrounds and private camps remain threatened.

SITUATION SUMMARY

FIRES, NORTHERN OPERATIONS AREA

River Complex, Vegetation Fire, Trinity County

Location: New River Drainage, Shasta-Trinity National Forest

Jurisdiction: DPA, SRA

Start Time: 7/30/15 at 2200 hours

Per Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and ICS-209 [as of 8/19/15 at 0545 hours](#):

- [45,477 Acres](#), 20% Contained
- Evacuations: Mandatory Evacuation Areas – Denny Area, Dailey Area, Hoboken Area, Bell Flat Area
- Shelters: Solid Rock Christian Fellowship, 66 Tule Creek Road, Hayfork, CA. Population – 1.
- A Large Animal Shelter is open at the Trinity County Fair Grounds supported by the Trinity County Ag Department. Residences can call Trinity County SO dispatch if they need assistance evacuating their large animals. Trinity County Fair Grounds: 6641 CA-3, Hayfork, CA 96041.
- A Small Animal Shelter has not been opened, neighbors and friends have been supporting evacuees providing assistance with small animals. Strays will be brought to the local animal control offices located at 503 Mtn. View Road, Weaverville.
- Major Concerns: The Dailey Ranch, Miller Ranch, Huddleston Ranch, and the community of Denny remain threatened. Fire activity is impacting the local economy. Natural resources threatened include inventoried roadless areas, late successional reserves, northern spotted owl, falcon and goshawk habitat, and wilderness. The fire could also affect cultural interests.



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FIRES, NORTHERN OPERATIONS AREA

Nickowitz, Vegetation Fire, Del Norte County

Location: Nickowitz Peak

Start Time: 8/01/15 at 1123 hours

Per Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and ICS-209 [as of 8/19/15 at 0600 hours](#):

- 3,331 Acres, 53% Contained
- Major Concerns: The fire is burning in Siskiyou wilderness. Critical wildlife habitat including the Marbled Murrelet, northern spotted owl, and critical Coho salmon spawning habitat/cold water refugia in Bluff Creek and Blue Creek is threatened. Nickowitz Creek, Blue Creek and Bluff Creek are critical home ranges for the pine marten. Late successional Reserves are present in the fire area. Nationally significant Cultural Management Areas surround the fire. The fire is within the Western Klamath Restoration Project along the western boundary. There are Port Orford Cedars in the drainages around the fire area and require special mitigation measures to prevent spread of root disease.

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FIRES, NORTHERN OPERATIONS AREA

South Complex, Vegetation Fire, Trinity County

Location: Hyampom, south of Highway 299

Start Time: 8/01/15 at 1607 hours

Per Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and ICS-209 [as of 08/19/15 at 0529 hours](#):

- [22,367 Acres, 40% Contained](#)
- Evacuations:
 - Mandatory Evacuation Areas: Skunk Ranch Area, End of Kerlin Creek Road, Corral Bottom Road (Rte 47) west of the intersection with the 16 continuing onto the 60 Road to the Four Corners area, Corral Bottom Road (Rte 60) north of Hyampom to the intersection of Underwood Mountain Road (Rte 47), Castle Rock Area – Residences in the area of Underwood Mountain Road, Castle Rock and Hog Ranch including 5N40 Road, 5N07 Road, 5N09 Road, Big Lake, Hidden Lake to 5N60 Road to Mill Creek Road
 - Voluntary Evacuations Areas: St. Johns Road, Winton Flat, Waldorf Flat, Grel Ranch and Oak Flat, Manzanita Ranch Area, Friedrich Road/Mill Creek Road – Residences in the Friedrich Road/Mill Creek Road Area, Garrett Road – Residences on Garrett Road to the Hyampom Air Strip
- Shelters: Solid Rock Christian Fellowship, 66 Tule Creek Road, Hayfork, CA. Population – 1.
- A Large Animal Shelter is open at the Trinity County Fair Grounds supported by the Trinity County Ag Department. Residences can call Trinity County SO dispatch if they need assistance evacuating their large animals. Trinity County Fair Grounds: 6641 CA-3, Hayfork, CA 96041.
- A Small Animal Shelter has not been opened, neighbors and friends have been supporting evacuees providing assistance with small animals. Strays will be brought to the local animal control offices located at 503 Mtn. View Road, Weaverville.
- Major Concerns: In Division L/M, the fire continues to back down the south fork of the Trinity River. Spotting across the south fork of the Trinity River is a significant concern. The threat to the community of Hyampom has lessened. Winds and continued hot and dry conditions during this period could intensify fire behavior even with the inversion in place. Firefighters have been successful so far in containing spot fires outside containment lines.

SITUATION SUMMARY

FIRES, NORTHERN OPERATIONS AREA

Gasquet Complex, Vegetation Fire, Del Norte County

Location: Gasquet, 19 miles northeast of Crescent City

Start Time: 8/03/15 at 1800 hours

Per Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and ICS-209 [as of 8/19/15 at 0600 hours](#):

- [7,853 Acres](#), 20% Contained
- Major Concerns: Threats to Native food gathering grounds, sites of significant cultural sacred value, Bear Basin Lookout, communication sites for the Forest Service and the California Highway Patrol, local communities, microwave links and private inholdings within the Six Rivers National Forest. Threat to endangered species: Marbled Murrelet, Mardon Skipper Butterfly, Northern Spotted Owl, Anadromous fish habitat, Chinook Coho and Steelhead Salmon.
- Del Norte County has activated their EOC at Level 1 for the Gasquet Fire Complex

Route Complex, Vegetation Fire, Del Norte County

Location: Mad River, Dinsmore, Hyampom

Start Time: 7/30/15 at 1800 hours

Per Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and ICS-209 [as of 8/19/15 at 0548 hours](#):

- [32,959 Acres](#), 37% Contained
- Evacuations:
 - Mandatory Evacuation Areas: End of Kerlin Creek Road
- Major Concerns: Bow hunting season is on-going. Contact with hunters have been reported in proximity to the incident. Continued threat to 50 structures in the area of Owl Creek and Pilot Rock Ridge, the communities of Mad River, Van Duzen, Dinsmore, and Southern Trinity High School. Threats to watershed areas, including drinking water reservoir, northern spotted owl habitat, numerous archaeological sites, private land holdings, and to State Responsibility Area.

SITUATION SUMMARY

FIRES, NORTHERN OPERATIONS AREA

Jerusalem, Vegetation Fire, Lake County

Location: Jerusalem Valley area, northeast of Middletown

Jurisdiction: State DPA, SRA

Start Time: 8/09/15 at 1542 hours

Per Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and ICS-209 as of 8/18/15 at 1801 hours:

- 25,118 Acres, 95% Contained
- Major Concerns: Electrical transmission lines are still considered hazardous.

SITUATION SUMMARY

FIRES, SOUTHERN OPERATIONS AREA

Deer, Vegetation Fire, Kern County (New)

Location: South of Bear Mountain Blvd, 8 miles Southeast of Arvin

Jurisdiction: State DPA, SRA

Start Time: 08/18/15 at 1940 hours

Per Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and ICS-209 as of 08/19/15 at 0450 hours:

- 200 Acres, 60 % Contained

Cabin-2, Vegetation Fire, Los Angeles County

Location: Hwy 39 x Bichota Canyon, near Azusa

Jurisdiction: FRA

Start Time: 8/14/15 at 1307 hours

Per Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and ICS-209 as of 8/19/15 at 0553 hours:

- 1,723 Acres, 98% Contained
- Evacuations: Crystal Lake Camp, Coldbrook Camp, and Little Jimmy Springs Campground have been evacuated and remain closed. No further evacuations at this time, all LASD SAR resources have demobilized.

Walker, Vegetation Fire, Mono County9

Jurisdiction: FRA

Start Time: 8/14/15 at 2131 hours

Per Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and ICS-209 as of 8/19/15 at 0545 hours:

- 3,715 Acres, 35% Contained
- Evacuations:
 - Walker Lake area under evacuation orders. 12 people evacuated safely – one permanent resident and the rest vacationers.
 - Mono County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) advised they have evacuated several campgrounds (approximately 415 campers) in the Lee Vining area, and from Blue Slide to Yosemite National Park alongside Highway 120.
- Major Concerns: Potential threat to Highway 120 - major pass across Sierra Nevada. Possible threat to Lee Vining community and ranger station, Southern California Edison powerlines in Lee Vining Canyon providing power to Yosemite, and hydropower facilities in Lee Vining Canyon.

SITUATION SUMMARY

FIRES, SOUTHERN OPERATIONS AREA

Warm, Vegetation Fire, Los Angeles County (Final)

Location: Warm Springs Rd x Lake Hughes Rd, North of Lake Castaic

Jurisdiction: Federal DPA, FRA

Start Time: 8/16/15 at 1531 hours

Per Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and ICS-209 [as of 8/19/15 at 0530 hours](#):

- 300 Acres, 100% contained

Eagle 2, Vegetation Fire, Mono County

Location: Buckeye Canyon, 7 miles northwest of Bridgeport

Jurisdiction: Federal DPA, FRA

Start Time: 8/12/15 at 1215 hours

Per Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and ICS-209 [as of 8/18/15 at 2005 hours](#):

- 120 Acres, [80% Contained](#)
- Structures Threatened: 2 other minor structures
- Evacuations: Buckeye Campground remains threatened and is closed.
- Major Concerns: Lahontan Cutthroat habitat is threatened.

SITUATION SUMMARY

FIRES, SOUTHERN OPERATIONS AREA

Rough, Vegetation Fire, Fresno County

Location: 5 miles north of Hume Lake and 2.5 miles southwest of Spanish Mountain

Jurisdiction: SRA

Start Time: 7/31/15 at 1933 hours

Per Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and ICS-209 [as of 8/19/15 at 0608 hours](#):

- 30,901 Acres, 3% Contained

Evacuations/Shelters:

- Per the Cal OES IDO: The Hume Lake Christian Conference is being evacuated.
- The group of 750 to 1000 people are going to a sister Church in Fresno for shelter.
- Fresno EOC is activated at level one until the evacuation is complete to ensure all needs are met.
- No assistance is needed at this time.

Major Concerns:

- The Rough Fire has made its way south and crossed over Highway 180, effective immediately the Fresno County Sheriff's Office has issued mandatory evacuation notices to people in the area of Hume Lake. This stands to impact approximately 1,000 people living, working and recreating around Hume Lake.
- The California Highway Patrol has also moved the road closure, which had been located at the intersection of Highway 180 and Hume Lake Road. The new road closure now sits further south on Highway 180 at Grant Grove Tree (approximately 2 miles north of the Hwy. 180 and Hwy. 198 interchange). The roadway will remain closed until authorities determine it is safe to reopen. The Sheriff's Office wants to make the public aware that no one will be allowed to enter the Hume Lake area; people will only be allowed to exit.

SITUATION SUMMARY

FIRES, SOUTHERN OPERATIONS AREA

Lincoln Fire, Vegetation Fire, Los Angeles County

Location: Whittier Narrows, Montebello, Los Angeles County

Jurisdiction: LRA

Start Time: 8/16/15 at 1700 hours

Per Cal OES Duty Officers, CAL FIRE and ICS-209 as of 8/17/15 at 0930 hours:

- 370 acres, 80% contained as of approximately 1600 hours on 08/17/15, per LA County Fire PIO.
- There are no threats to structures or infrastructure
- There is no forward progress - the flanks are being worked to attain full containment
- There are no road closures
- Major Concerns: There are production oil pipelines in the area of the fire.
- State Fire Marshall (SFM) reports that the single pipeline under their jurisdiction is the Crimson Pipeline, and they are in contact with the Crimson Operations Manager at this time. SFM also reports that the fire is moving away from the pipelines to the northeast.
- Per SFM, Crimson stated that they do not have any tanks in the area. They receive crude oil from a production lease and ship it through a 6-8-inch gathering line (CSFM Line ID 0827). This line appears to be southeast of the fire but Crimson is sending a representative to the Lincoln Fire to inform the FD on scene.
- Additional production oil lines are in the area and the Department of Oil and Gas (DOG) reports that the main production oil field and production pipelines are owned by Freeport McMoran Oil and Gas, who they will be in contact with on Monday 08/17/15.
- Per the LA County OEM duty officer: Southern California Edison (SCE) reported that 66kV and 16kV lines have been damaged.
 - The California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA) is in contact with SCE who reports that they are doing a work around to the damaged 66kV power line and there is no impact to the Grid.
- The fire caused SCE and privately owned oil drilling company downed power lines. About 60-160 residents are still experiencing power outages. SCE reported crews are in the area working on repairing the downed power lines and restoring power to the impacted residents.
- There are no requests for assistance or unmet needs at this time.

SITUATION SUMMARY

FIRES, SOUTHERN OPERATIONS AREA

Cuesta, Vegetation Fire, San Luis Obispo County

Location: Highway 101, Cuesta Grade, north of San Luis Obispo

Jurisdiction: SRA

Start Time: 8/16/15 at 1813 hours

Per Cal OES Duty Officers, CAL FIRE and ICS-209 [as of 08/19/15 at 0555 hours:](#)

- 2,500 acres, [15% contained](#)
- Incident in Unified Command with CAL FIRE and USFS
- Threat to the community of Santa Margarita (339 residences/900 residents)
- 230 KV power lines threatened
- An FMAG was received on 08/17/15. After review by Cal OES, it was determined that it does not meet FMAG criteria and has been placed on hold. A revised FMAG was received on 08/18/15. After review by Cal OES, it was determined that it does not meet FMAG criteria and has been placed on hold.

Evacuations/Shelters:

- Per the Cal OES LDO: Evacuation orders issued for Santa Margarita community – Wilhelmina Ave., H, I, J and K Streets
- Shelter: Santa Rosa Academic Academy located at 8655 Santa Rosa Road in Atascadero. Population – 15.
- The Paloma Creek Arena which is next to the Paloma Creek Park is being used to shelter horses.

Activations:

- San Luis Obispo County activated their EOC to Level 2.
- Southern REOC will remain at Level 1 and continue to monitor the incident.
- There are no requests for state assistance or LEMA at this time.

Major Concerns:

- Santa Margarita Elementary School will be closed Wednesday, 08/19/15.
- Charter Communications (Charter Cable) has contacted the County of San Luis Obispo to notify them that their fiber optic line on and over Cuesta Grade is now at risk due to the fire. There is a high probability their customers in North SLO County will lose service. This includes Charter phone, internet & cable TV for all communities north of the grade. No one south of the grade should be impacted. This is ONLY Charter cable not other phone lines. Charter is working on trying to tap into the line and re-route it, but are not optimistic it will work or that they can get access to the area.

SITUATION SUMMARY

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD RESOURCES

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD RESOURCES COMMITTED:

Fork Complex

- 2x CH-47
- 1x UH-60
- 1x LUH-72

NGACC

- 1x HH-60 (Redding Airport) MEDIVAC
- 2x AVN HEMMT (Redding)
- 2x J3 LNO Personnel

OES SOC

- 2x J3 LNO Personnel

TF 578th Hand Crews (331 Personnel)

- [TF A Fork Complex](#)
- [1x IC4U](#)
- [TF B Cuesta Fire](#)
- [TF C South Complex](#)
- [1x IC4U](#)

California National Guard Support Personnel

ADOS: 3 / AGR: 3 / ESAD: 378 / SAD: [8](#) / TECH: 66 / Total: 458

OUT OF STATE RESOURCES REQUESTED/COMMITTED:

Nevada - Fork Complex

- 1x CH-47
- 1x UH-60
- 2x AVN HEMMT (Redding)

Colorado / North Carolina

- 2x 302nd AW MAFFS / MAFFS /1/2/5/9 2x 302nd AW MAFFS 1x 153rd AW MAFFS 1x 145th AW MAFFS



FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 5

Northern California

Preparedness Level 5, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 3

Southern California

Preparedness Level 3, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC is activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may put the following link to the brochure on their webpage <http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf>
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) collective OA drought call is facilitated by the SOC every Monday at 1100 hours.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

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Local Emergency Proclamations:

A total of 60 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:

- 27 Counties: Butte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 12 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County) and City of Willits (Mendocino County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).

CAL OES MISSIONS

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- **2015-LAW-14555 08/03/15, 0800 hours, Update 8/12/15:** Several of the fires within the complexes have been merged, with one fire, the Pelletreau (South Complex Fire), being moved into the Route Fire Complex and merged into the Johnson Fire. Windy conditions and overstretched fire resources has necessitated LE to assist with dynamic road closures lasting up to an hour or so. Trinity County Sheriffs Office is in the process of coordinating with the 5 Fire Complex Security Managers to capture thefts of fire equipment and fuel. Currently thefts of Diesel (approx. 200 gallons), New Batteries, New Fire Engine Tires (4) and a Water pump have been reported. The water pump was one of 42 that were ordered for the fire, Fire was only able to secure 17 of these pumps so the loss of this pump has exacerbated this situation. **Update 8/14/15:** Significant increase in fire activity, no new LE issues. **Update 8/15/15:** No new significant information or changes in operational needs to report. **Update 8/16/15:** No new significant information or changes in operational needs to report. **Update 8/17/15:** No new significant information or changes in operational needs to report. A/C Baldwin deployed to relieve A/C Sutton. **Mission Ongoing.**



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